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Changes in History Books
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring in changes in History books;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the necessity of bringing changes in History books which are in use for more than 10 years and the time by which the new History books will be made available;
(d) whether scholars from different universities will be involved for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring in changes in History books without affecting the true history and culture of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (e): Representations have been received from different stakeholders from time to time with regard to history textbooks published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The representations, as and when received, are forwarded to NCERT for taking appropriate action. The NCERT has taken these representations into consideration and, wherever found necessary, changes have been carried out in the relevant text books. NCERT had constituted an expert Committee, consisting of internal experts as well as external experts from various universities/institutions in the country to take a quick review of History Textbooks of NCERT to remove any mistake or controversial material, if any, mentioned therein. The Committee has recently submitted its report to NCERT.

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